The Mr. & Mrs. Spencer T. Olin Fellowships for Women in Graduate Study support exceptional women who are preparing for careers in higher education and the professions.

Founded in 1974, the fellowship program now favors applicants in fields in which women are still under-represented at the national level, such as economics, mathematics, philosophy, the physical sciences, and the engineering disciplines, but women applying to other graduate and professional programs are also selected to receive these fellowships. The result is a network of women whose fields offer different challenges and models of success for all the program’s members.

Olin Fellowships provide up to four years of funding, including an annual grant for professional travel. Applicants must have earned or be in the process of earning a four-year undergraduate degree from a U.S. institution.

Eligible applicants include students who are admissible into any of Washington University’s full-time doctoral programs (J.D., M.D., Ph.D., etc.) or into professional-practice master’s degree programs (M.Arch., MBA, MFA, MPH, MSW, etc.).

For more information about these fellowships please consult: pages.wustl.edu/olinfellowship

The Chancellor’s Graduate Fellowships support exceptional graduate students who will contribute to the diversity of the academic professions.

Our university believes that diversity entails many dimensions, and will be advanced on campus by having a broad spectrum of cultural, socioeconomic, gender, racial, ethnic, geographical, philosophical/religious, and other distinctive backgrounds and perspectives (e.g., first generation college graduates, students who have experienced personal or financial hardship).

Chancellor’s Fellowships provide five years of funding, including an annual educational allowance. Applicants must have earned or be in the process of earning a four-year undergraduate degree from a U.S. institution. Students must be admissible into any of Washington University’s programs that provide final disciplinary training for prospective college professors.

Eligible candidates include students admitted into the Doctoral programs in Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Social Work, and the Master’s programs in Art, Architecture, and Writing.

For additional details please consult: pages.wustl.edu/cgfp
The Graduate School is committed to recruiting, enrolling, retaining, and graduating students from diverse backgrounds. Applications for admission by students from diverse backgrounds to any of the Graduate School’s degree programs are encouraged and welcomed. Washington University encourages and gives full consideration to all applicants for admission and financial aid without regard to race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, veteran status, disability, or genetic information.

The Chancellor’s Graduate and Olin Fellowship Programs offer more than superior financial aid. While Chancellor’s and Olin fellows receive full tuition remission and excellent stipend packages, these premier programs are further distinguished by the academic, social, and professional support offered to each member of their communities.

- Fellows attend a welcome dinner at the beginning of every year to share their news and meet the incoming scholars. Life-long friendships often begin at these tables.
- Both programs sponsor events approximately once a month.
- Fellows plan their program’s annual conference, giving them the opportunity to meet national and internationally recognized speakers at lectures, panel discussions and VIP events.
- Fellows gain professional skills by sharing their research and creative productions with each other and interested members of the university community.

Both the Chancellor’s Graduate and the Olin Fellowship Programs are long-running university commitments: the Olin Fellowship will celebrate its fortieth anniversary in 2014; the Chancellor’s Graduate Fellowship welcomed its first cohort in the fall of 1991. Every year between six and twelve new fellows join each program, contributing to a steady growth in Washington University’s diversity and gender equity.

Other University-wide Funding Opportunities

The Graduate School of Arts & Sciences participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. We encourage former military personnel to consider the expanded career horizons and intellectual engagement associated with advanced academic studies.

Veterans can pursue degrees in various departments of Arts & Sciences, Engineering, and Social Work.

Veterans considering a master’s degree in the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences will find the Yellow Ribbon Program especially beneficial as a means of supporting advanced academic study, since financial support is more limited for master’s degree studies than for doctoral work.

For additional information please visit: graduateschool.wustl.edu/veterans

The McNair Scholars Program was established in memory of Ronald E. McNair, physicist and astronaut, who died aboard the Challenger space shuttle. The McNair Program encourages undergraduates to pursue doctoral degrees and careers in college or university teaching.

Washington University in St. Louis offers first-year fellowships to McNair scholars admitted to any of twenty-one specified doctoral programs in Arts & Sciences. Interested applicants should submit a statement of purpose detailing how the McNair Scholar experience shaped their desire to advance their education and prepared them for graduate work at Washington University.

For details about the application process and a list of the eligible doctoral programs, please visit: graduateschool.wustl.edu/first-year-fellowships-ronald-e-mcnair-scholars

To learn more please visit: graduateschool.wustl.edu/prospective_students/financial-information

The exceptional funding opportunities described in this brochure seek to achieve our goal of a diverse graduate student body, with its subsequent rewards to academia and the nation as a whole.

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